Forged Visa Rackets in Delhi

*118. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of forged visa rackets have been busted in Delhi during the last two months;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to check such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) Following three cases have been registered by the Delhi Police during September and October, 1988:—

(i) On 23-9-1988 one Amarjit Singh of Ludhiana with 15 passports bearing forged visas was arrested. A case was registered under Sections 467/468/471 IPC.

(ii) One Mohammuddin of Rajasthan was apprehended and two forged passports with forged visa for Pakistan were recovered which were used in the past. A case was registered on 25.9.88 under Sections 419/420/467/471 IPC.

(iii) A case under Sections 420/468/471 IPC was registered on 6.10.88 at Police Station Lajpat Nagar on the complaint of one Smt. Inder that one Balbir Singh Sandhu, a travel agent of Punjab obtained Rs. 1,25 000/- from her for stamping a USA visa on her passport and passports of her three children and arranging air tickets for them. The visa on the passports was found to be forged on an inquiry from the US Embassy.

In addition, 21 cases were detected in which persons were found in possession of forged visa.

Suitable Intelligence system has been developed to detect such crime. Moreover, appropriate legal action is initiated against the culprits as soon as such malpractices come to notice.

Housing Scheme of UTI in Orissa

*119. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Unit Trust of India has launched some housing schemes;

(b) if so, what are the names of the States where UTI has launched such schemes;

(c) whether UTI has launched any scheme in Orissa; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Recently, Government have conveyed approval to the Unit Trust of India (UTI) for the launching of the Housing and Construction Development Fund. The Fund is yet to be launched by the UTI. After the Fund is launched, UTI proposes to extend the Scheme to all the parts of the country.

भारत और पाकिस्तान के मध्य द्विपक्षी व्यापार

*120. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार ने भारत और पाकिस्तान के मध्य द्विपक्षीय व्यापार के परिमाण में वृद्धि करने के लिए जनवरी, 1988 से अब तक क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) भारत तथा पाकिस्तान के बीच प्रतिनिधिमंडलों के आदान-प्रदान को बढ़ावा देने के